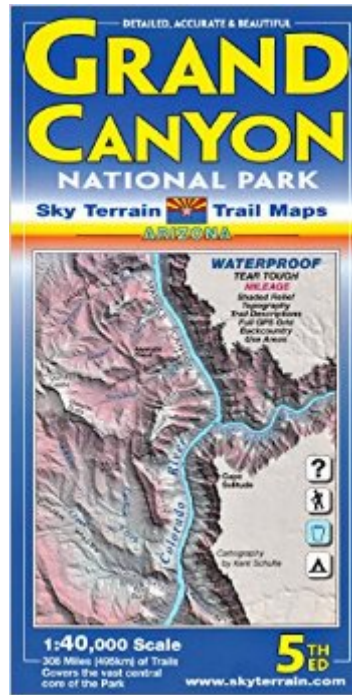


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Synopsis

Beautiful, accurate, very detailed and best selling Grand Canyon map is now available in the 5th edition. Local favorite. Waterproof and Tear Tough. Fine shaded relief and 100ft contours give a detailed & stunning view of the Canyon topography. Mileage info to all trail junctions, plus cumulative mileage for select segments. Includes trail profile graphs. Thoroughly reviewed by Park Rangers. Detailed topographic trail map of 308,000 acres in central Grand Canyon. 1:40,000 scale covers 8 USGS quads. 308 miles (495km) of trails shown with trail ratings, text descriptions & statistics. Most complete & accurate map of the area. Includes 100ft contours, shaded relief, UTM grid for use with GPS, hydrology with springs & drinking water (including a chart), backcountry use zones for permit planning, and other trip information. Printed on waterproof, tear-tough paper. This map covers the huge core of Grand Canyon National Park. This is the area where 99% of visitors travel and where 90% of overnight backcountry trips take place, and where most trails and reliable water sources are. The map does not cover the vast and more isolated western sections, nor the far NE corner. (Zoom into the inset maps above to see exact coverage.) Includes a handy and concise bus map. All in all this is a very useful and legible map. Hope you like the new edition!

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Customer Reviews

If you're planning a serious hike in the Grand Canyon, you really need to get this Sky Terrain map. It has an amazing 1:43,000 scale, which provides MUCH better detail than the popular National Geographic "Trails Illustrated" map at 1:63,360 scale. And although you can purchase USGS 7.5-minute quadrant maps of the canyon at 1:24,000 scale, they don't provide any of the crucial

extras that this Sky Terrain map does: detailed trail information, profiles, mileage & difficulty ratings; backcountry use area boundaries & descriptions; perennial water sources; gps grid; park information, etc.; and it's waterproof & tearproof. It's clear and concise. This map contains so much information that you can pack it and leave your heavy guidebooks at home. My complaints? I personally find the contour shadings a bit confusing: I think their low-elevation grey coloring looks too similar to their high-elevation purple coloring, so on first glance it's too easy to confuse DOWN and UP. And as stated in other reviews, the coverage of this map is limited: it doesn't cover the western end past Crystal Rapids, and it doesn't cover north of Malgosa Canyon, so if you want to hike the North or South Bass Trails, or the Nankoweap Trail, for example, you're out of luck. That being said, I still feel that this map is easier to read than the "Trails Illustrated" one, with bolder print and lots of elevation markings. Another plus: this 3rd edition was revised in 2009, therefore it's very current. I highly recommend this map.

While the description above is accurate in what is included, it omits that there is a large area to the west that's in the Park that is not shown on this map. The Trails Illustrated map of the GC includes this area so that if you want to explore anything west of 112 15'W, you'll need to get the TI map. This is a lovely map for the limited area it shows. If the map included the missing area, the quality of this map would be my choice of the two. Another unique and nice feature is trail mileages included on many trails. Use area designations are shown which assist in applying for a backcountry camping permit. I'd have preferred that the designations such as BJ9 and AK9 had color variations to indicate their respective Management Zones such as Primitive and Wild. All in all this is an excellent map subject to above comments and provides a tremendous amount of information.

This Grand Canyon map covers the central area of the park (equivalent to 8 USGS quads) at 1:40,000 scale, nearly double that of its best competitor, the Trails Illustrated. While it's true there are areas in the park not covered, most backcountry campers and day hikers will be well within this map. Where the Sky Terrain maps excel is their eye-pleasing clarity and wealth of ground-level information. The T.I. maps by comparison are somewhat dark and over-shaded. You can read this one by the light from a campfire, no trouble. While I'd never discourage anyone from bringing a quad or two for their trip as a backup, this map will serve most needs and is vastly more up-to-date. GPS users familiar with UTM (you ought to be!) should be able to eyeball their position fairly easily with the grid provided. The margins include nice, concise trail descriptions and even elevation profiles for major hikes in the park. Also included are a small regional road map (useful for vehicle

navigation), and a simplified geology profile for the canyon. If you're planning any casual or serious hiking or backpacking trip in GC, this should be part of your gear. P.S. The copy of this map I recently obtained is the newest 2009 edition.

It's all been said by other reviewers. I'll simply add that I find this map FAR and AWAY easier to read than the Trails Illustrated maps. If your eyes, like mine, are over 50 years old, you may, too. It covers the core of Grand Canyon National Park, at a great scale. Just be sure you review the information about what this map covers, if you're thinking about hiking in an extremely remote part of the Canyon (particularly in parts more than a few miles west of Hermit's Rest). The images provided by at the top include an image that shows the area covered by this map, compared to the 7.5 minute quads. In addition to the map, this document provides brief descriptions of all the trails (both maintained and unmaintained) so you could use this and not need a separate guidebook.

I hike in the Grand Canyon just about every week, and this map is always with me. It's perfect for the first time Canyon hiker as well as the seasoned explorer. While it may not cover terrain west of Boucher Rapids, that's really a minor point, since most users of this map will be new to Grand Canyon hiking and getting out to the South Bass Trail is probably farther down the wish list. If you're into "off trail" scrambling, this map will be invaluable in helping to identify side canyons and drainages. Highly recommended!

I would not think of ever going into the canyon without this map. The maps provided at the Grand Canyon National park are horrible. This map was extremely accurate. If there this any criticism that I have about the map, the difficulty levels must have been set by someone that hikes the canyon a lot. When you see an M for "Moderate Difficulty" think of yourself as a twenty year old in great shape. That is who thinks those areas of the canyon are of moderate difficulty.

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